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## Weather

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**TONIGHT**  
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Fourth-year political science student

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Volunteers work to clean areas around the forest during the U.S. Forest Service's and PalmettoPride's last cleanup activity in Berkeley County in May.

## SC littering targeted in weekend campaign

**PalmettoPride works with statewide police officers to combat litterbugs**

Kara Apel  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

If you're thinking about throwing cigarette butts out of your car window this weekend — think twice.

Police officers will be focusing on enforcing litter laws in conjunction with PalmettoPride's Zero Tolerance Weekend.

Sarah Robinson, public relations manager for PalmettoPride, said the week's events kick off today at the State House with a news conference featuring variety of speakers from around the state.

Speakers will include Sen. David Thomas, PalmettoPride Director of Operations Linda Shadel, S.C. Litter Control Association President Ryan Lesene, Cpl. Rob Williams and State Forester Gene Kodama.

"The litter laws are in

effect every day, but this week is an awareness weekend," Robinson said.

Robinson said research shows the only way to change behavior is to enforce it, which is why officers are going to crack down on littering violations.

"Some people don't realize it's against the law," Robinson said. "If we can help change behavior, we can make a difference."

The minimum fine in South Carolina is \$200 for any amount under 15 pounds, added with court costs and a minimum of 15 hours of community service. Littering more than 15 pounds and less than 500 pounds is a \$200 to \$500 fine, community service and could result in imprisonment for less than 90 days. The penalty for illegal dumping or depositing a collection of litter or garbage is \$1,000 along with 15 hours of community service.

The campaign is an annual event and Robinson said that since

it began, interstate litter has reduced by 50 percent. The campaign will focus on secondary roads.

Robinson said litter affects economic development in communities because of the broken windows theory. The theory states that a broken window left unfixed will lead to more broken windows and indicates there are higher amounts of crimes occurring in communities, according to Robinson.

"Litter detracts from community pride," Robinson said.

Anyone can report littering to the 24-hour statewide Litter Busters Hot Line at 1-(877) 7LITTER sponsored by PalmettoPride.

"Environmental pollutants are killing ecosystems around the globe," Robinson said. "It's a matter of pride."

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## Cocky wins No. 1 at mascot competition



Kara Roache/ THE DAILY GAMECOCK

USC's mascot, Cocky, won the National Cheerleaders Association Collegiate Stunt & Mascot Championship Saturday. Cocky's score of 9.15 edged Sammy The Bearcat from Sam Houston State by 0.28 points. The cheerleading squad also took fourth place in the All Girl 1 Division with a score of 8.889.

—Compiled by Jonathan Battaglia

—GamecocksOnline.com

## Tajikistan talks inform students of obscure culture

*Siblings' presentation addresses traditional roots of isolated society*

Meagan Dugger  
STAFF WRITER

Two siblings visiting Columbia and USC on scholarships as part of the Junior Faculty Development Program hosted a presentation on their home country, Tajikistan, in South Quad Tuesday night. The presentation informed the small audience on the geography and cultural traditions of the Pamir people. Both Tojiniso Olimnazarova and Yodgor Olimnazarov have been in the States for three months and teach English and biology at their home universities.

Olimnazarova, a resident of Khorugh, said that the Pamir people reside in the Pamir Mountains, called the "roof of the world." Because the population is so separated from the rest of the country, many Pamir people practice historical traditions not practiced in other parts of the country.

Olimnazarova said that even though some people are modernizing, they continue to relate to their traditional roots. As she spoke, Olimnazarova showed pictures of a recent wedding. The bride wore a white dress on the first day of the ceremony, but the next day wore traditional garb.

"Obviously the white dress isn't traditional," Olimnazarova said. "But the next day, the traditional marriage ceremony took place. People stay in touch with old traditions, which I think is very important."

Tajikistan is a republic and therefore votes for its president and parliament.

"When Tajikistan became independent from the Soviet Union in 1991, the country immediately fell into a civil war," Olimnazarov said.

Both siblings agreed the country has never fully recovered economically and financially since its independence from

the Soviet Union. Many residents are forced to travel to Russia to find work.

"About 700,000 Tajiks travel to work in other countries," Olimnazarov said.

Although non-profit organizations work to fight the problems in Tajikistan, the country remains impoverished and cannot provide proper education due to lack of funding.

Olimnazarov said that despite high poverty in Tajikistan, the country has a high literacy rate.

"Children are required to attend school from ages six to 17, though economic issues don't always allow this" Olimnazarov said.

Olimnazarov added that Tajikistan's health care is insufficient as well. "The life expectancy in Tajikistan is 65 years," he said. Health care receives insufficient funding due to a recent amendment that eliminated free health care for all residents.

Olimnazarova said that although 90 percent of the Tajikistan population is Sunni Muslim and 5 percent is Shia Muslim, there aren't religious conflicts.

Pamir people differ from the majority of Shia Muslims in Tajikistan, as they follow the Ismailia sect of Shia Islam.

Most Pamir Tajikistan's live in traditional style houses, called a chid, the Tajik word for home. These houses are built by a group effort in the community, and symbolically built in relation to Pamiri religious beliefs. The houses are the basis of some of the most important religious ceremonies, such as births, marriages and deaths.

Olimnazarova said her house is a traditional-style Pamir home, and was built by community effort. She added that modern day machinery is being used to make the normally hand-built homes, and that the homes are earthquake proof in the earthquake-laden southeastern part of Tajikistan.

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Jessamine McKeever / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Tojiniso Olimnazarova, left, and Yodgor Olimnazarov teach English and biology at their home universities.







# The Greek Community Congratulates the following INDIVIDUALS & CHAPTERS FOR ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE during 2008 at the recent Greek Awards Gala

## I. Chapter Achievement Awards

### ACHIEVEMENT IN SCHOLARSHIP

Chapters achieving a GPA at or above non-Fraternity and non-Sorority GPA respectively for Fall 2008

Delta Zeta sorority  
Chi Omega sorority  
Alpha Delta Pi sorority  
Alpha Chi Omega sorority  
Kappa Delta sorority  
Zeta Tau Alpha sorority  
Delta Delta Delta sorority  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Gamma Phi Beta sorority  
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.  
Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority  
Kappa Alpha Order  
Sigma Nu fraternity  
Chi Psi fraternity  
Delta Upsilon fraternity  
Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.

### ACHIEVEMENT IN SERVICE

Chapters producing 7 or more hours of community service per member for Fall 2008

Delta Zeta sorority  
Chi Omega sorority  
Alpha Delta Pi sorority  
Zeta Tau Alpha sorority  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Gamma Phi Beta sorority  
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.  
Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority  
Kappa Alpha Order  
Chi Psi fraternity  
Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.  
Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity  
Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity  
Delta Tau Delta fraternity  
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

### ACHIEVEMENT IN PHILANTHROPY

Chapters raising \$60 or more for charity per member for Fall 2008

Alpha Delta Pi sorority  
Kappa Delta Sorority  
Delta Delta Delta sorority  
Gamma Phi Beta sorority  
Kappa Alpha Order  
Sigma Nu fraternity  
Kappa Sigma fraternity  
Sigma Chi fraternity  
Delta Delta Delta fraternity

### ACHIEVEMENT IN INVOLVEMENT

Chapters with 65% of their members involved in another registered USC student organization for Fall 2008

Delta Zeta sorority  
Chi Omega sorority  
Alpha Delta Pi sorority  
Alpha Chi Omega sorority  
Kappa Delta sorority  
Zeta Tau Alpha sorority  
Delta Delta Delta sorority  
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.  
Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Delta Tau Delta fraternity  
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

### ACHIEVEMENT IN INNOVATION

Recognizes a chapter who has initiated and implemented a significant change in their chapter

Chi Psi fraternity

## II. Individual Achievement Awards

### OUTSTANDING CHAPTER PRESIDENT

This award recognizes a Chapter President who demonstrates outstanding chapter leadership, motivational ability, strong character, high ideals, a good role model and who has left their chapter in a stronger condition than when they took office.

Justin Warren, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Matthew Bartch, Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity

Lindsey Hudepohl, Kappa Delta sorority

### OUTSTANDING GREEK MEMBER

This award recognizes a Greek member for their outstanding and continued service to the Greek community; strong academics; significant campus and community participation; strong personal character; a positive role model who is widely known and highly regarded in the Greek community for their lasting contributions.

Todd Jenkins, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

DeAndra McDuffie, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Diana Brown, Chi Omega sorority

### OUTSTANDING NEW MEMBER

This award recognizes a new member of a fraternity or sorority within their first year of membership who has contributed to their chapter, the Greek Community, and has potential for further leadership.

Larry Middleton, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Russ Purdy, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity

Lindsey Trickett, Delta Delta Delta sorority

### OUTSTANDINDG CHAPTER/GRADUDATE ADVISOR

This award recognizes a Chapter/Grad Advisor for their hard work and dedication toward improving their chapter and the Greek community.

Arthur Pinckney, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Julian Emerson, Chi Psi fraternity

Elizabeth Allison, Chi Omega sorority

### OUTSTANDING FACULTY ADVISOR

This award recognizes a Faculty Advisor for their hard work and dedication toward improving their chapter and the Greek community.

LaTrice Smith, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Rico Reed, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

### OUTSTANDING HOUSE DIRECTOR

The award recognizes a Greek House Director for their hard work and dedication toward improving their chapter and the Greek Community.

Nancy Anderson, Kappa Sigma fraternity

Lou Oliver, Delta Delta Delta sorority

### OUTSTANDING HOUSE CORPORATION BOARD MEMBER

Recognizes a House Corporation board Member for their hard work and dedication toward improving their chapter house and the Greek community

Jon Pearson, Kappa Alpha Order

Darrell Brannon, Chi Omega sorority

## III. Chapter Excellence Awards

These awards represent the best chapters at Carolina based on nine categories (Ritual, Scholarship, Service & Philanthropy, Leadership, Intake/Recruitment & Retention, Chapter Standards & Membership Accountability, Finances, External Relations, Friendship)

### BRONZE ACHEIVEMENT

Chi Omega sorority  
Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority  
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.  
Chi Psi fraternity  
Delta Upsilon fraternity  
Kappa Alpha Order  
Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity

### SILVER ACHEIVEMENT

Delta Delta Delta sorority  
Delta Zeta sorority  
Kappa Delta sorority  
Delta Tau Delta fraternity  
Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity  
Sigma Nu fraternity

### GOLD ACHEIVEMENT

Alpha Delta Pi sorority  
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Zeta Tau Alpha sorority

## IV. Greek Scholarships

### Doris W. Cecil Chi Omega Scholarship

Lauren Lanford, Kappa Delta sorority

### Delta Upsilon Chris McAndrews Memorial Scholarship

Jeremy Cockrell, Delta Upsilon Fraternity

### Fraternity Council Scholarships

Carl Hiller, Sigma Nu Fraternity  
Nicholas Bradley, Kappa Sigma Fraternity

### Sorority Council Scholarships

Meghan Behlmer, Delta Delta Delta Sorority  
Morgan Luker, Detla Delta Delta Sorority  
Chantelle Lytle, Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority  
Fallon Sposato, Delta Delta Delta Sorority

### Remembrance Fund/Silver Nickel Scholarships

Lindsey Hudepohl, Kappa Delta sorority  
Maddie Shephard, Alpha Delta Pi sorority  
Ray Curbelo, Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity  
Emanueal Smith II, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

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**Gov. Mark Sanford says lawmakers are distorting state budget figures to build a case for accepting stimulus money.**

#### BUDGET • Continued from 4

But the day after the House passed its budget, the state's economic forecasters slashed \$110 million from revenue projections. All told, Leatherman says he's writing a budget that is \$460 million smaller than the House's.

Legislators aren't giving up on the stimulus cash.

Leatherman, for instance, is planning to write a second spending bill that shows how the state will use federal stimulus cash if it becomes available. That approach keeps expected court battles over spending the stimulus money from entangling the main budget.

Meanwhile, the Senate's begun moving legislation forward aimed at forcing

Sanford's hand on the stimulus issue.

Sen. Vincent Sheheen, D-Camden, on Tuesday introduced a resolution that would order Sanford to request and spend the money the way the Legislature requires. That was sent to the Senate Finance Committee for discussion.

And the Senate ordered a resolution to immediate debate beginning Wednesday that would let the Legislature keep the door open to taking federal money if Sanford doesn't. That measure appeared to have become moot a couple of weeks ago with Sanford agreed to accept, but not apply for, all the federal stimulus cash the state would be eligible to get.

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killed or injured have become advocates for campus safety improvements and gun control.

"There's just too much acceptance of a culture of violence," said Andrew Goddard, whose son Colin Goddard was injured. "There are just way too many guns floating around."

Suzanne Grimes, whose son Kevin Sterne was injured, said in an e-mail: "My life has not deviated from the

memories of April 16, 2007 and I am determined to contribute in ways to assist with responsible gun laws and school safety."

About 3,300 people have signed up for the 3.2-mile morning run and walk around campus in honor of the 32 killed. Several family members, including Grimes and her son, said they plan to participate.

Holly Sherman, whose daughter Leslie Sherman died, said she will be on campus for the anniversary,

but attending the events will be more difficult than last year now that the tragedy is more distant.

"I'm more lucid," she said. "Last year things were still a little foggy."

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Obama's bow no admission of submission

President's curtsy displays diplomacy, should help bolster world image

Did you see Obama bow? Man, his face nearly touched that guys ring! What I'm referring to is President Obama's curtsy towards Saudi Arabian King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud. The far right seems to be all up in arms about this little bow he gave, as Fox's Sean Hannity said, "it was below (Abdullah's) shoulders!"



LAKE MORRIS  
Third-year print journalism student

The far left won't even talk about it, because they are in the tank for Obama, just like Fox was for Bush from 2000-2008. But in the words of Clark Gable: "Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn."

This is just another attempt at the far-right wing media to try and trash Obama on something meaningless, instead of actually investigating what he is doing.

Right now, Obama is playing damage control with foreign diplomacy.

The War on Terrorism really hurt our international image, especially in the Muslim world. If Obama shows tolerance and respect to Muslim leaders, like he did to Abdullah, it will hopefully give him a foothold with Muslim leaders to open negotiations.

Obama has to be humble and respectful, while also being strong and firm.

What I hope will happen is that a majority of the Arab nations, most importantly Saudi Arabia, will turn on Pakistan, Iran and Syria. If Obama can have a strong, mutual relationship with Saudi Arabia, hopefully a majority of the Middle East will follow, namely Iraq, Afghanistan, Israel, Oman, Yemen, Egypt and Turkey.

If that could take place, then hopefully those Arab countries would be able to force Presidents Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (Iran) and Bashar al-Assad (Syria) out of power, and aid Pakistan's Asif Ali Zardari in ridding his country of Al Qaeda.

Also, Obama needs to get the rest of Europe behind him, and that will, in turn, get the UN on America's side again. Europe loved him during the Presidential elections, and hopefully countries like France, Italy, Germany, Spain and Portugal will all come back to our aid.

Then, with the help of the Middle Eastern countries and the United Nations, he will hopefully have leverage to get Iran and Pakistan to cooperate, hopefully closing our two war fronts.

Now all that, like philosophy, sounds good on paper, but it probably won't go that smoothly. In fact, I'm betting the house it won't.

The far-right wants is a guns blazing, John Wayne-esque rogue.

But that isn't what we need right now. We need someone that can play the game and mend relations for future diplomacy, and I think Obama has that ability, and is trying to do it with that bow.

What we need now is a guy that can use diplomacy and cooperation.

Besides, what do we have to lose? War hasn't worked, so maybe talking out our differences will.

At least I hope so.



YOU MUST BE THIS TALL TO RIDE THE NEWSROOM

Remembering a sportscaster

Death of Phillies' play-by-play reminds of older days; baseball changed

Despite being an avid sports fan, I try not to bring sports into the Viewpoints section, but I have to ask for your indulgence. I probably won't do this as well as Jayson Stark of ESPN or A.J. Daulerio of Deadspin, but I've just lost something



MICHAEL BAUMANN  
Fourth-year political science student

no one down here in Braves country will ever really understand. The first year I can remember vividly is 1993. On the first weekend of July, having just turned six years old, I sat down with my dad to watch a three-game series between the Phillies and the Cubs. That was the first time I can remember hearing Harry Kalas' voice. Kalas, then in his 23rd season as the Phillies' play-by-play man, had a voice like the engine on a Lamborghini — clear, distinctive, growling and full of energy.

I, like tens of millions of other boys from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland, grew up hanging on Kalas' every word five nights a week, plus Sunday afternoons, the way you'd sit wide-eyed while your grandfather was telling you a bedtime story. That's what Harry Kalas was like — a grandfather.

I remember which players Kalas would love to pronounce (CHU-ckie Carrrrr! stands out in my mind), his signature calls, "Outta here!" and "Called out on strikes!" Ask any diehard Phillies fan, and they'll give you an impression of any of Kalas' famous home run calls. Doing Kalas impressions was, and is, more of a citywide pastime than going to the Jersey Shore or drinking Yuengling.

It's hard to describe how much that voice meant to the city. Over the 38 seasons and one week that Kalas was the voice of the franchise, he narrated the Phillies to two world titles, four pennants and nine division titles. He called six no-hitters and watched six Hall-of-Famers, plus Pete Rose, suit up for the Phillies before joining

them in Cooperstown in 2002.

Hero worship for the recently deceased is commonplace, but I can say without reservation that Harry Kalas was the most beloved man ever to be associated with the Phillies. No player, not Schmidt nor Carlton nor Hamels nor Utley was so beloved.

When the Phillies won the World Series last fall — an event I never thought I'd see — I remember thinking to myself, "I wish I could have heard Harry Kalas' call these playoffs." That's how inextricably intertwined he was, in my mind, with the game and the team I love so much.

The closest I ever was to Harry Kalas was when I sat in the upper deck behind home plate at Veterans Stadium in 2001, but his voice, his kind and friendly persona and his passion for the game and the team were incredibly comforting. They reminded me of home more than my own bed or my dad's cooking. Losing Harry Kalas is a death in the family, and I don't know that the national pastime will ever be the same.

America: time to smell the coffee

Small bits of activism can change landscape of java industry

For more than half of Americans, including myself, morning starts with a nice, steaming cup of java.

For coffee drinkers, rolling out of bed and grabbing a Coke or even a Red Bull wouldn't be the same. No, morning is surely ruined without the nutty aroma and taste of perfectly brewed coffee. And lets not forget the unparalleled jolt of caffeine you get from it.

Coffee has gone from a luxury reserved for the upper echelon of Renaissance society deemed "the drink of Satan" to everyday necessity. If you have read my past two columns, you would know the international economic and environmental impact of the commodity.

Now, if you haven't already shook your head at a third coffee column and flipped to the Sudoku,

its time to take a look at our role as consumers.

Coffee first got its start in America during the Revolutionary war, after the historic Boston Tea Party. The Continental Congress declared it the national beverage, and deemed it unpatriotic to sip tea.

Over the next 125 years, coffee became wildly popular. By 1900, America imported half the world's coffee. By 1971, when the first Starbucks opened in Seattle, America had a huge coffee addiction.

Today, there is a Starbucks on every street corner and in every major shopping center.

Safe to say, we have a serious love affair with the stuff. It is for that very reason that we need to respect the coffee industry and take an active role in forcing its evolution.

Two weeks ago, I pointed out the injustices being done to growers. Unlike growers, we have the choice to buy coffee from whom we please. Make sure to only buy fairly traded coffee, or import your own from a small roaster. A Google search will cut the number of middlemen down.

Last week, I explored the

ecological consequences of coffee cultivation. Try to buy coffee that has been advertised as organic or, better yet, shade grown. If you buy your coffee from a coffee shop, bring a travel mug to put your java in. It may not help create responsible coffee growing practices, but it will at least cut down on the number of paper cups filling landfills.

And if nothing else, do what Americans do best — complain about it. Just as you would complain about a brew being too strong or bitter, you would also complain that your local coffee shop doesn't have a Fair Trade variety or that they don't know where it comes from.

America holds tremendous sway in nearly every other industry on earth, we are the reason coffee is as big it is.

And if we want to keep drinking it until the end of time, we have to take an active role in changing the industry.

Remember, just because it feels like a basic need doesn't mean it is one. Coffee is as much a luxury now as it was during the Renaissance.

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IN OUR OPINION

Study highlights age of information apathy

Being connected is great. Twitter and Facebook have made staying in touch so much easier. But it may be making us apathetic.

According to a University of Southern California study, social networking tools such as Twitter could be responsible for a new age of indifference. According to the study, the site, which shows streams of news bulletins and 150 character updates, moves too

Information travels faster than the speed of light these days, and it is affecting the way we interact

quickly for a person to process the information morally. This, according to researchers, means that people don't fully understand and appreciate their fellow human beings' emotional states.

While this may seem like a no-brainer for most, it's worth taking a look at.

We live in a world where we expect news 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It doesn't matter whether it is national news from CNN or a friend's Facebook. We are constantly looking for the next place to get some news — it's no wonder that we don't process what we are seeing, or develop an emotional response.

Information travels faster than the speed of light these days, and it is affecting the way we interact in the world. In our quest for the next piece of knowledge, we completely forget to think about the implications of what we are reading this second. Trying to invest in one piece of information for more than 150 characters would slow us down too much.

It may be impossible to slow down at this point. But there is something to be said for stepping back enough to analyze what you are reading. But we'll tweet it, just in case you didn't make it this far.

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in school and area of study.

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# Skizophrenia goes crazy on SGTV

*Comedy sketch show successful,  
hopes to venture into new territory*

Colin Jones  
MIX EDITOR

Wit. Satire. Making people feel uncomfortable. Character acting.

Each of these elements, while irrelevant standing alone, are exactly what fuels the brains and the jokes behind SGTV's bi-weekly comedy sketch show Skizophrenia, airing Wednesday nights at 9 p.m. and featured on YouTube.

Joey Thompson, second-year media arts student and founding member, knew he wanted to perform comedy when he arrived at USC from Greenville last year. He dove head first into comedy and pitched his sketch show to SGTV. The only problem — he didn't have the backing or the creative assistance he now does.

He cobbled together a show with the help of fourth-year media arts student Hank McDonald but he says "the show was questionable."

"That was a horrible experience," Thompson added. "I got done with the first one I think oh my god, I need a lot of help."

He decided to quit making the sketches but SGTV put the show into syndication.

Thompson said the show became the Family Guy or Joe Dirt of SGTV for the amount of times the channel repeated his material.

"I feel like [the show] was brought back by popular demand," he said. "By popular demand I mean the five people that watched the show."

The current incarnation of the sketch show was brought about by Thompson's desire to create a production company called Dinobrite Productions. Dinobrite then in turn spawned Skizophrenia which now has multiple participants and a following of fans on campus. Since last semester, the show has pumped out sketches like Alpha Sigma Sigma, Mountain Weekend and The No-Grin Zone.

While Thompson helped found the group, every member is integral in crafting the comedy.

Fabio Frey, second-year business student and contributing member, said everyone contributes to each sketch. In addition to writing, Frey acts, directs and edits the sketches.

Frey, like Thompson, was involved in live sketch comedy while in high school and was drawn into the group by high school friend and Skizophrenia member Austin Poplin, a third-year film studies student..

Poplin and Frey did a live comedy show with Thompson. They "clicked right away," Frey said.

"We just started throwing ideas and we ended up having enough material to do a show every two weeks," Frey said. "It just came naturally."

Poplin has been integrally involved in the Columbia comedy scene since arriving at USC in 2006. While he is studying abroad in the Netherlands for the semester, Poplin said he plans on rejoining the group next semester.

While he performs regularly in the local improv comedy group TOAST, Poplin notes that Skizophrenia and Dinobrite Productions produce a distinctive and intimate style of comedy due to the collaborative process.

"What DinoBrite is doing is different, and not simply because it's on TV and YouTube," Poplin said. "For 'Mountain Weekend,' Fabio and I wrote a treatment that



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Members of SGTV's show "Skizophrenia" wear their Alpha Sigma Sigma shirts from a popular sketch on the show.

developed thanks to the input of almost a dozen comics."

Because the group is a collaboration, he said, "no one person should credit themselves for DinoBrite's recent success." For Poplin, the group provides an possible magnet for creativity and ideas on campus.

This collaborative effort begins every Wednesday at 8 p.m. when the group meets in a conference room on the third floor of Russell House. It is there where the writing begins to germinate and sketches begin to formulate.

Thompson said although every one has been writing sketches for the show, third-year criminal justice student Dean Freeman has been "writing sketches like a beast."

Freeman met Thompson doing student comedy competitions and when the show began to form he was brought in for writing and acting duties. He said while he has been writing heavily for the show, the effort truly is a collective of varied ideas.

"Everybody really has a hand in everything," he said.

In the writing process, people pass around ideas through e-mail and at the meetings. From there the sketches grow and transform into cohesive products. Other writers, producers and actors on the show include second-year business student Tim Cleary, first-year business student William Goodman, second-year film studies student Alan Woodall and first-year English student Michael Shoppell.

From the meeting and writing stage, the group moves directly into filming. Skizophrenia will generally take a day filming a single sketch and then edit it the day before the show airs.

As the semester comes to a close, Thompson sees the possibility of expanding the group's content and reach.

Dinobrite Productions has just bought a Web site that will be launched in the upcoming weeks and the group plans on

entering college-broadcasting contests in hopes of winning best comedy group.

In terms of content, Skizophrenia and Dinobrite Productions also envision venturing into the territory of short films and music videos next semester. In addition to new content, the group also sees building upon older skits like Alpha Sigma Sigma and the No-Grin Zone.

The group is also bringing their comedy to the live format with Do It In The Dark on Apr. 22 at the West Quad Green.

But for the time being, Thompson and crew hope to keep crafting their comedy and expand their media.

"We're trying to assemble as much media as we can," Thompson said. "We're trying to go big."

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Haley Dreis  
STAFF WRITER

Now is the time to get in the habit of moving your workout outdoors during the next few weeks before summer vacation. There are tons of ways to enjoy the weather on campus, and you'll be ready to hit the beach in no time.

Participating in regular exercise provides many health benefits, and exercising outside can be a more appealing incentive. Exercising reduces the risk of chronic disease, improve your balance and coordination, help you lose weight and boost your self-esteem, according to MayoClinic.com.

But according to the USC National College Health Assessment, 24.2 percent

of USC students do not participate in any vigorous exercise in a given week and 37.1 percent of students do not exercise to strengthen their muscles.

The good news is exercising outdoors has some added benefits. Outdoor exercise provides beneficial effects of negative ions, natural sunlight, natural terrain and reconnecting to the outdoors, according to MetabolicEffect.com. Being outside adds a more holistic experience to exercising.

Working out outside involves little to no equipment, fresh air, sunshine, vitamin D and activity options. There are many excellent activities to consider when exercising on-campus.

Walking is a great activity to consider if you're just getting started. It's a perfect low-impact aerobic workout. Running is an excellent cardio workout that builds stamina and improves endurance. Either walking or

running are excellent ways to explore new areas on-campus with or without a friend.

Swimming is a sport that will keep you cool while still being active. Participants can gain cardiovascular benefits while toning muscles. Both beginner and advanced exercisers can be challenged.

In-line skating is relatively inexpensive to start. All you need is some skates and protective gear. You can multitask by walking your dog as new scenery keeps you motivated.

Ultimate Frisbee mixes the features of soccer, basketball and football. It's a non-contact sport that you can enjoy with friends. In addition to meeting new people, players can benefit from a great cardiovascular workout.

Cycling is a great way to exercise in Columbia. With different options of terrain and incline, cycling around campus is a fast way to discover other ends of campus you've never seen.

While meditation and yoga may not be cardio intensive, they are great activities to de-stress before exams and inhale good air. A quiet spot on the horseshoe is an appropriate place to meditate and stretch.

If you're planning your workout routine next year, consider some other options on-campus.

One-on-one exercise consultations are offered by Campus Wellness to orient students, faculty and staff in learning about the Blatt P.E. Center and how to use the equipment.

U-Walk is a 14-week, self-paced competition in which participants select a featured college or university they would like to "walk" to by keeping track of the number of steps they take. Once participants reach their college or university, they will receive a free T-shirt from the selected college or university.

Walking works is a six-week program that lets you



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Chris Spackley rides in Little River, South Carolina.

team up with participants to keep track of a scheduled level of involvement and earn rewards offered from the Campus Wellness office.

Breaktime, Lunchtime Anaerobic Strength Training is a group-instructed workout using Dyna-Bands, stretchy latex strips which you pull or push to help you strengthen your muscles. They are

used in a routine workout to improve endurance, range of motion, flexibility and reduce stress.

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# JIMMY'S TRAILER PARK

Summer, early-fall lineup highlights drama, mystery, comedy genres

Jimmy Gilmore  
STAFF WRITER

There's a plethora of new trailers hitting the Web for some big summertime hits and small upcoming fall releases. Here's a selection of some of the best highlights.

The trailer of the week goes to the gut-busting teaser of Sacha Baron Cohen's latest maniacal creation, "Bruno." Following up on his 2006 satire of cultural stereotypes, "Borat," the comedian, who takes his acting to ridiculous extremes by inhabiting every inch of his characters, brings to the screen the gay Austrian fashion designer, another character from his hit British show, "Da Ali G Show."

This time, Cohen has his sights on America's homophobia, using Bruno to create awkward situations that reflect gay stereotypes and the reactions this creates in heterosexuals.

The trailer just provides a brief peek, but the comic's shameless antics have generated plenty of attention during filming. The brief divulged bits here hint that he may be able to once again

reach the grandiose parody he attained in "Borat."

Independent director Duncan Jones tries to turn sci-fi back to its intellectual side in his new film, "Moon." Sam Rockwell stars as a lunar operator, living alone on the moon for three years to perform scientific and industrial work.

The existential dread of the trailer seems most in common with the perennial Russian classic, "Solaris." The film looks like a terrific psychological mind game, giving the utterly underrated Rockwell a chance to show off his range.

Terrific writer/director Mike Judge ("Office Space") takes his comedy back to the workplace in "Extract." Jason Bateman ("Juno") stars as the owner of a flower-extract plant who has to navigate a life of chronic professional and personal annoyance and unease.

The trailer looks like a great return to the kind of comedy that made "Office Space" a cult hit, with Bateman getting help from Mila Kunis, Kristen Wiig, J.K. Simmons and a surprising Ben Affleck hidden behind mangy hair and a full beard.

Also on the rise is ensemble drama "The Informers," from a novel by Bret Easton Ellis ("American

Psycho"). Taking place in early 1980s Los Angeles, the film follows characters from multiple social classes as they navigate their way through chronic missteps, ultimately forming a broad, allegorical and unsavory response to '80s popular culture.

With an ensemble including Mickey Rourke, Kim Basinger, and Billy Bob Thornton, it has the promise to emerge as a powerful social drama.

An expanded look of Ron Howard's "Angels and Demons" is also now available. Tom Hanks reprises his role as Robert Langdon from 2006's "The Da Vinci Code."

That film ended up tediously didactic, and Howard's over-the-top, populist sense of direction certainly didn't help, but the "Angels and Demons" trailer pulls all the stops to try and distance itself from the earlier work and still feel mirrored to it.

Whether this mystery will actually thrill is a question that most people will answer hesitantly, but at least Tom Hanks' hair doesn't look quite as ridiculous this time.

All trailers are available to stream online at youtube.com and apple.com/trailers.

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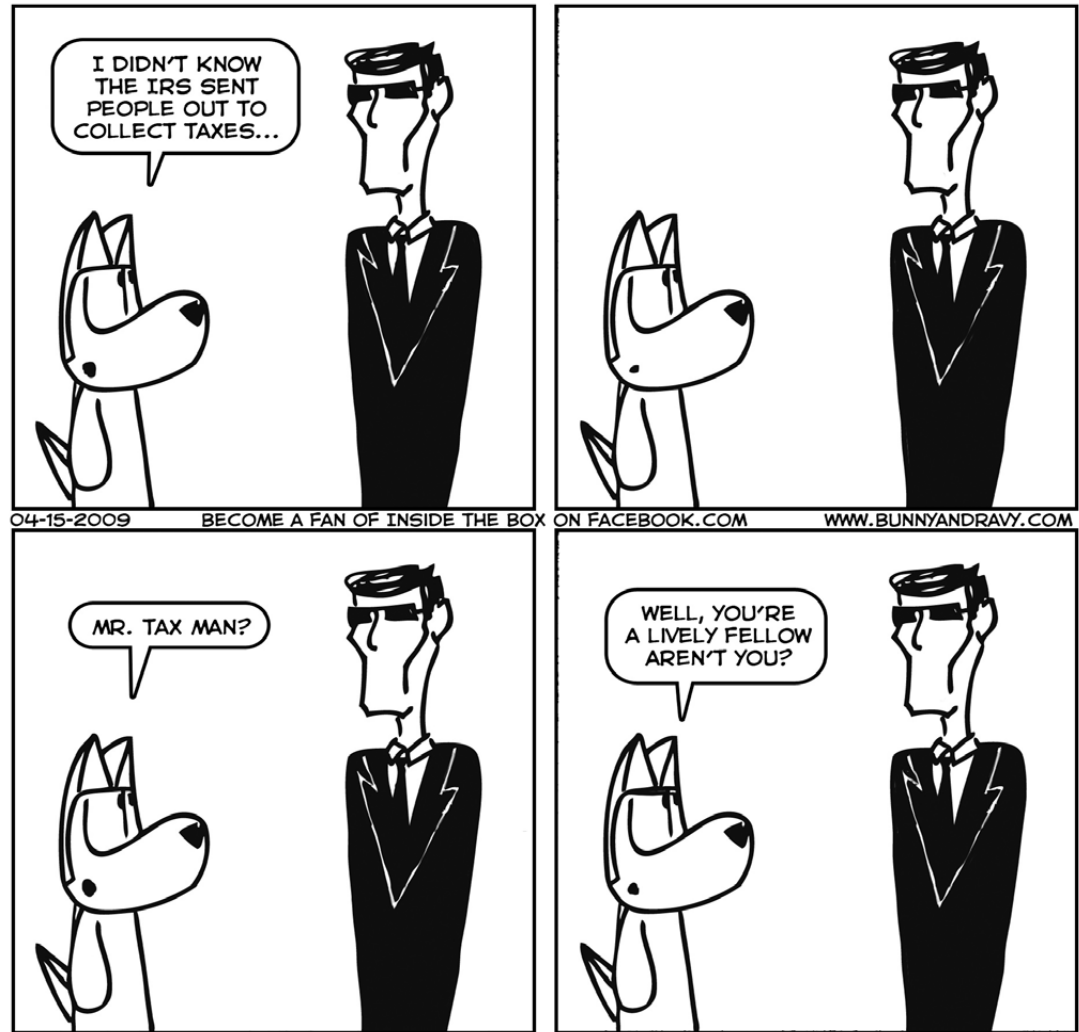
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Junior shortstop Bobby Haney hits a grand slam, the first ever at Carolina Stadium, to give the Gamecocks a 10-3 lead in the third inning.

# Carolina leaves no doubt against CofC

*Haney's grand slam powers Gamecock offense to 20 runs in win over Cougars*

James Kratch  
STAFF WRITER

After a huge SEC series win on the road at Ole Miss, the Carolina baseball team showed no signs of letting up Tuesday night, riding three five-run innings and four home runs, including a grand slam off the bat of Bobby Haney, en route to a 20-6 thrashing of the visiting College of Charleston (21-13) in Columbia.

Haney's bomb broke the game open in the bottom of the third. After Crisp doubled to start the inning and pushed himself up to 12th on the all-time team hits list, Carolina (24-14), leading 6-2 at the time, loaded the bases on Kyle Enders' infield single and a walk to Adam Matthews.

Haney then stepped up to the plate and promptly ended Cougar right-hander Casey Lucchese's night, crushing the first grand slam in Carolina Stadium history well over the right field wall and past the newly planted palmettos, giving Carolina a 10-3 lead.

"I'm seeing the ball good, just trying to swing at strikes and not balls, and hit it hard somewhere," Haney said. "We see the ball good against [Charleston]."

The lead grew to 11-3 moments later as reliever Curtis Dowling was rudely welcomed into the ballgame by Whit Merrifield, who took Dowling deep into the Cougar bullpen for his sixth-round tripper of the season.

"Coach let us know that they were struggling on the mound [before the game] so we took advantage of situations and certain counts and jumped on certain

pitches," freshman outfielder Jackie Bradley Jr. said.

USC starter Michael Roth wasn't able to shake off a rusty start and take advantage of the eight-run cushion however, as a two-run shot by Joash Brodin in the fourth and Matt Mansillas' solo shot in the fifth, coupled with the Carolina bats being held at bay in the bottom of the fourth, brought Charleston back a bit, 11-6.

After Roth struggled to get the first out, USC coach Ray Tanner decided he'd seen enough and brought in southpaw Adam Westmoreland, who induced a groundout and strikeout to get out of the inning, leaving a Cougar runner on second.

The third and fourth Gamecock home runs would come in the bottom of the fifth. Matthews jacked a solo shot deep to left to lead off the inning and then several batters later, Nick Ebert dropped a three-run bomb for a 15-6 lead.

Charleston actually led 1-0 briefly in the first, but once USC got to bat for the first time they quickly got going, as all nine Gamecock batters reached the plate in their first five-run outburst. Bradley started the hit parade with a one-out double, and after a walk by DeAngelo Mack, came around to score on an RBI single by Nick Ebert, who set a career high with four hits and recorded five RBI on the night, tops on the team in 2009.

"We knew they were struggling a bit on the mound, so we went up there aggressive and swung it well one through nine, and that's good for us," Ebert said.

The big hit in the first came next off the bat of Parker Bangs, as the sophomore designated hitter crushed a shot to right center off the USC bullpen wall, plating



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Sophomore center fielder Whit Merrifield rounds third base after he launched a homerun over the fence in left-center field. The solo shot was his seventh long ball of the season.

both Ebert and Mack, and giving USC two of the five runs they would score in the first to stake a 5-2 lead.

Carolina would add five more in the bottom of the eighth to bump the lead up to 14, but Westmoreland didn't need it. The freshman was brilliant in relief, going 4.2 innings, allowing no runs on three hits. Though Westmoreland got the win, it was Roth that went for 4.1 innings, yielding nine hits and five earned runs, while Lucchese took the loss after two innings, nine hits and 10

earned runs, his first decision of the year.

"[Westmoreland] threw strikes. He did a great job, and that's what you've got to do [in relief], especially tonight after the rain with the ball jumping like it was," Tanner said.

USC hits the diamond again tomorrow night at home against The Citadel. The Bulldogs upset Carolina 12-5 in Charleston last month.

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## Horn to stay at Carolina

*Future still uncertain for basketball team, questions surround Downey's status*

So it turns out all the speculation was just that ... speculation. Darrin Horn will stay at South Carolina — at least for the time being.

The alleged trip to Cincinnati was nothing more than a spring break trip with his kids to visit

his wife's brother and their family, not a meeting with Xavier administration to discuss their open coaching job. Appearing on the "Inside the Roost" radio show Monday night with Athletic Director Eric Hyman, Horn denied any contact with Xavier.

"I did not talk to Xavier University. There was never any third party involved in talks with Xavier University," Horn said. "I have no interest in the job. I had no interest in the job when the speculation started in any shape or form."

Horn also denied contact with any Atlantic 10 team, a welcome development in a situation that looked dire only a week ago. All current indications now point to Horn staying at USC for the foreseeable future.

But where does that leave the Gamecocks now? Just over a month removed from their best season in recent memory, a series of questions surrounds the future of USC basketball:



1) What will be the fate of Devan Downey?

The All-American junior guard had the best season of his collegiate career in 2008-09, averaging 19.8 points per game and leading the Gamecocks to a regular season co-SEC East championship. Downey, who only measures 5-feet-9-inches, announced last week that he would enter the NBA draft, but wouldn't hire an agent, which preserves his amateur status. After undergoing a series of workouts with NBA teams and scouts, Downey will have to make a decision on whether to stay or turn pro 10 days prior to the June 25 draft. If Downey's convinced he'll be drafted come mid-June, his departure would create a major hole in a Gamecock scoring attack that would already be losing Zam Fredrick to graduation.

2) Will the newcomers pan out?

In Darrin's Horn first year at USC, he had a grand total of zero freshmen on the roster. The youngest players to make significant strides were Sam Muldrow and Mike Holmes, who will be juniors next year. A group of three incoming freshman will look to fill the talent void left by an empty class of 2012. Three-star recruits

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Freshman pitcher Audrey Broyles (10-7, 2.51 ERA) picked up two wins and a save in USC's three game series against Alabama. She is expected to start again tonight.

## Softball to face in-state rivals

Team looks to build upon upset series win against No. 4 Alabama

Chris Cox  
SPORTS EDITOR

The South Carolina softball team will look to continue its winning ways tonight when it plays host to the USC Upstate Spartans at Beckham Field at 5 p.m.

The Gamecocks (17-17, 4-14 SEC) have won three out of their last four contests, including a stunning two-to-one series victory over then-No. 4 Alabama.

The win marked the first time since 2001 that Carolina had knocked off the Crimson Tide in a series, and was the first time since April 2004 when they took a pair from SEC East rival Georgia.

Things were looking bleak for Carolina in the rubber match held Sunday. The Crimson Tide were full of momentum, having taken the first contest of the day to even the series at one game apiece.

The Gamecocks trailed 5-4 in the sixth inning before freshman outfielder Kristen Stubblefield stepped to the plate. The Corona, Calif. native drilled a 2-0 pitch to left field for a ringing double, scoring both Laura Mendes and Lauren Lackey as Carolina took a one-run advantage and never looked back.

Also leading the charge over the weekend was another freshman in Audrey Broyles. Carolina's starting pitcher picked up two wins and a save in last week's action and for her efforts, was awarded the honor of SEC Pitcher of the Week.

Broyles (10-7, 2.51 ERA) is expected to make her 20th start of the season tonight against Upstate.

The Spartans seem to be on the other side of the spectrum entering tonight's battle on the diamond, having lost three out of their last five — including a two game sweep at the hands of Lipscomb, where they were outscored by the Lady Bisons 12-1 in the doubleheader.

Despite the recent struggles, Upstate enters tonight's crucial nonconference game with an impressive 24-12 record, including 7-7 in the Atlantic Sun Conference.



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Senior first baseman Jacqueline Wetherbee knocked in 3 RBIs in the series finale to lead the Gamecocks to a 6-5 victory over then-No. 4 Alabama.

Upstate has faced only one Southeastern Conference opponent this season in the Ole Miss Rebels, when it lost 10-4 in the Red and Blue Classic.

Similarly, the Gamecocks have faced only one Atlantic Sun opponent so far this season, when they defeated North Florida 4-3 back on Feb. 20 in the Gamecock Invitational.

USCU is expected to counter Broyles with Morgan Childers (19-7, 1.84 ERA), who will be making her 25th start of the season.

The hard throwing sophomore is the ace of the Spartan pitching staff, as the Kings Mountain, N.C. native is already

in top-10 list on USC Upstate's all-time list for wins, saves, appearances, complete games, shutouts and strikeouts.

As a freshman a season ago, Childers was named the Atlantic Sun Freshman and Pitcher of the Year.

A win tonight would put South Carolina over the .500 mark for the first time since March 21.

After tonight's contest, the Gamecocks hit the road again in SEC competition as they travel to Starkville, Miss. to take on the Bulldogs of Mississippi State.

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## Ladies Football Clinic moved to Williams-Brice



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The fifth-annual Steve Spurrier Ladies Football Clinic will be held Saturday in the south end of Williams-Brice Stadium, instead of at the Colonial Life Arena, as announced Monday. Participants will be able to interact with Coach Spurrier and players, as well as participate in football drills. Doors will open at 8 a.m. The cost of the event is \$45, which includes lunch and a t-shirt.

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Ramon Galloway, Lakeem Jackson and Steve Spinella will compete with established starters like Dominique Archie for playing time. Also joining the team next year will be junior college forward Johndre Jackson, who measures 6-feet-9-inches.

3) Can they make the NCAA tournament?

After a year in which

the Gamecocks took a huge step towards being competitive nationally, fans will be pressing for an NCAA tournament berth. If Downey ends up staying in the NBA draft, an appearance in the Big Dance might be just a pipedream for the Gamecocks. On the other hand, a team that returns its leading scorer and head coach will be hard for the selection committee to turn down in 2010.

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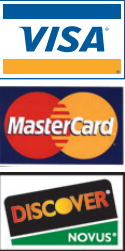
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